# SLOCUM'S BOATS AND

Van Schaick, Carried Before Coroner's Court in a Wheel Chair, Says Government Officials Did Routine Duty in a Most Perfunctory Manner.

The jury which has been holding an inquest into the Gen. Slocum disaster finished taking the testimony this evening and at once began making up its report and verdict.

Capt. William H. Van Schaick, who commanded the Gen. Slocum at the time of the big disaster, actually laughed at the Coroner's inquest to-day when asked if any Government inspector ever inspected hose or lifeboats on the Slocum. "No," he replied, as if the question were an absurd one.

- Q. NO ONE EVER INSPECTED ANYTHING! A. NOT THAT I KNOW OF.
- Q. Did you ever hold any fire drills on the Slocum this year? A. Yes.
- Q. How many? A. Three or four. Q. Where! A. At the dock
- tails just now. I don't recall just what they were.
- Q. Did you use all the fire hose on these boats in these drills? A
- No; only one or two lines. Various members of the crew had testified that there had

#### fire drills. CARRIED IN A ROLLING CHAIR.

Capt. Van Schaick was carried into the Coroner's court in a rolling chair to give his testimony. Several policemen lifted the chair to the high witness platform, his injured and bandaged leg was adjusted upon another chair, and the oath was administered. The captain was still weak and nervous, but seemed eager to tell his story.

Q. You know the steamboat inspector, Lundberg? A. Yes, he in spected the boat this spring.

- Q. Did he inspect the life-preservers? A. Yes. he looked at them.
- Q. Did he test their supporting power? A. No. Did you ever try to find out how much these life-preserver Q. Did Lundberg reject any of the life-preservers he inspected? A. Yes:
- one. It was dirty, but perfectly sound. Q. You only bought one line of hose this spring? A. Yes.
- Q. How long was that hose on the forward main deck on the boat? A Since she was built.
- Q. Was that hose ever used? A. No.
- Q. Did Inspector Lundberg make any test of the fire hose on the boat this spring? A. No.
  Q. Did any inspector ever inspect hose or lifeboats on the Slocum
- It was at this point that Capt. Van Schaick laughed.

#### COUNSEL STORMED IN VAIN.

Attorney McManus, for the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, objected to Capt. Van Schaick answering questions. After much quibbling the examination proceeded, the questions being put by Mr. Garvan. Q. How long have you been captain of the Slocum? A. Since she was

built in 1891. Here Mr. McManus made another vigorous protest, but still Van Schaick

showed his willingness to talk.

Q. Did you have anything to do with the providing of fire apparatus for the Slocum? A. Yes.

Q. Did you have anything to do with providing the fire-fighting apparatus the last spring? A. I refuse to answer. Q. On what ground? A. Because I only had second charge. That is,

Capt. Pease. Commodore of the fleet, had charge over me. Q. How many life-preservers have been purchased and put on the

Slocum since she was first equipped? A. Well, along in 1894, 1895 or 1896 we got 200 or 300 new ones. Q. Have any life-preservers been thrown out by the Government in-

ectors since 1891? (A. Yes, two or three.

Q. How many have you thrown out yourself since 1891 as not good? A. Fifteen or twenty.

Q. What was your crew?

Mr. McManus again advised witness not to answer questions. Coroner Berry became angry and threatened to eject counsel from the court-room if he again interfered.

## LIEEBOATS AND FIRE HOSE.

Q. You simply had linen or fabric hose on the main deck? A. Yes. Q. And there were six lifeboats on the hurricane deck? A. Yes.

Q. And how many life rafts? A. Four.

Q. All of these have been on the boat since she was built? A. Yes. except the rafts, which were put on three or four years she was built. Capt. Van Schaick showed a remarkable willingness to tell every-

thing he knew, making Counsel Dittenhoefer and McManus most uncomfortable. Both protested vigorously. Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer made an eloquent appeal, saying it was inhuman to ask this witness questions which might tend to incriminate him. But still he was willing to testify. Q. Were any life-preservers ever repaired on the Slocum? A. No, only

to put new straps on those on which they dropped off.

Q. None were re-covered? A. No.

Q. Did you have any talks with President Barnaby this year about the equipment of the boat? A. No. O With Mr. Atkinson? A. Yes: I told him what I wanted and he said for me to get it.

Q. Was Mr. Barnaby ever on the boat? A. I didn't see him

O Was Mr. Atkinson on the boat? A. Yes: he was there the morning

of the disaster. Q. Were any other officers on the boat? A. No.

Q. Did any officer or director of the company ever ask you about the

fire-fighting or life-saving equipment of the Slocum? A. Only to ask me if everything was all right.

Q. And you answered? A. That everything was all right. Q. What did you do to the life-preservers this spring? A. Went over

them, dusted them, made some repairs and put them back.

## NO EFFORTS TO MAN LIFE-BOATS.

After resting half an hour Capt. Van Schaick, in his rolling chair, was dragged back to the stand. Q. Where were you when the fire was discovered? A. In the pilot-

Q. What did you do when the mate yelled up the tube that the boat know of; but they came along quite often and got drinks. was afire? A. I ordered the boat ahead at full speed and went below to

see what the fire was.

Q. What turned you back? A. The fire, of course. Q. You went back to the pilot-house? A. Yes.

Q. Did you give any orders to the crew? A. No; they were below. Q. Was any effort made to lower life-boats? A. No. Q. Did you order the crew to try to save any one? A. No. I didn't

I went back to the pilot-house and ordered the pilot to board. North Brother Island and beach her,

Q. Where was the boat when the fire was discovered? A. Above the Sunken Meadows. I saw that the boat was gone and I ran back and cork. Then he got overboard, too. shouted to Pilot Van Waart to beach her at North Brother Island. That was the nearest place we could reach and where the passengers would find the Slocum. He said he never heard of a fire on the Slocum the day be- Wyck, John F. Carroll and Charles W. more assistance.

Capt. Van Shaick, in answer to a question by the jury, said it would have been impossible to heach the Slocum at any other place.

Congressman Goulden brought out the information from the witness

The Evening World's charts are indexed from first race at Aqueduct,

#### SHEEPSHEAD ENTRIES FOR TO-MORROW.

Couple Niblick and St. Bellane, Thomas Sixth Race—Selling; one and one-sixteenth miles on turf. 

that the six lifeboats and four liferafts on the Slocum would accommodate only three hundred persons, and that none of them had been used or tried.

## BOY TOLD CAPTAIN OF FIRE.

The boy who is said to have notified Capt. Van Schaick that the boat was aftre while the vessel was off Blackwell's Island is Frank Pradowski. paint and I couldn't move them. twelve years old, of No. 85 East Third street, who was on the excursion. NO PENALTY FOR UNLICENSED MATE. He was in the Coroner's court to-day and District-Attorney Garvan put him on the stand.

Frank, a brave little tow-headed fellow, said he lost his mother four purpose of interpreting the law governing steamposts. He said: sisters and his brother in the catastrophe. He is left an orphan. Q. Where did you first see the fire? A. At Eighty-sixth street

captain that the boat was on fire. Q. What did he say to you? A. He said: "Get the hell out of here and

tend to your own business." Q. Then what did you do? A. I ran back to find my mother and sisters

and brothers, and was carried over the rail myself by the rush of people Various physicians who had examined the dead and signed the death

certificates were called to establish that death had been caused by the disaster. Among the doctors were John Reigelman, Edward J. Donlon, Mulholland, Berger, Thomas H. Curtin and Edward T. Higgins, the latter a Coroner's physician, who had charge of the main morgue,

Coroner O'Gorman was called and asked to tell all he knew. He narrated everything he did. He was notified of the accident at 10.35 A. M. and started immediately for North Brother Island.

Q. (by Coroner Berry) Did you notice any of the life-preservers? A. Yes; I found lots of them that were worthless. On the body of one woman I found several handfuls of granulated cork while taking off a breastpin. I found the standpipe forward of the starboard paddlebox in which the valve had not been opened. That shows that no water was sent up that pipe to the fire hose. 'We found several coils of fire hose which were not undone

## LIFE-PRESERVERS USELESS.

Coroner O'Gorman identified a large life ring which he said he found on at the bottom of the East River is due storer of nerve and brain tissue, as the shore of North Brother Island with the dead bodies of a man and a to the fact that James Coleman, a long-woman dangling to it. This was meant to prove that the life-preservers shoreman is out of work and was look-gestion and sick patients always g August Luytjens, a member of St. Mark's Sunday school, who had

charge of the bar, was called. His face and hands were wrapped in ban- at Sixty-first street. rge of the bar, was called. His face and hands were wrapped in banges from the burns.

Miller had gone to sleep on a stringpiece and fallen in. His cries attractpiece and fallen in. His cries attracted Coleman, who went after him withbut two months there did not imdages from the burns.

Q. When did you see the fire? A. When we were opposite Ninetieth

Q. What did the crew do? A. They tried to get the hose out but it noid of Miller. Coleman's shouts of a then I began to use Grape-Nuts food was to full of kinks and when they found the water wouldn't come they man overboard brought several per- and in two weeks I could walk

all jumped overboard. Q. They did not try to save any one? A. No, they just jumped overto the Flower Hospital.

to get a life-preserver down and it tore to pieces and covered the bar with Jacob S. Jacobs, of No. 1760 Madison avenue, had the candy stand on

fore the disaster.

Q. When did you hear of the fire first? A. I heard the children scream-

Q. Then what did you do? A. I ran up to the promenade deck and tried Van Wyck at luncheon to-morrow.

Six Thousand Enthusiasts See the Crimson Team Beat 6 to 1 in Commencement Day Game on Yale Field To-Day.

preceded the opening of the contest. who has been out of the game during

## pitch for Yale.

on the throw. Bowman Kernan, ONE RUN.

## Third Inning.

to Randall, Huis-larr's fumble. Huis-Miller flied out to

to get the lifeboats loose, but the ropes and pulleys were an inch thick with

Gen. James A. Dumont, eighty-six years old, local Inspector of Hulls of Steamboats of the Port of New York, was called by Mr. McManus for the

"There is no law which prescribes a penalty for running a steamboa with a unlicensed mate. There is a law providing that a mate of an ocean Q. Then what did you do? A. I ran up to the pilot-house and told the steamer shall be examined and licensed, and a penalty is prescribed. But in the case of river steamers no penalty is prescribed."

Q. Would it have been safe to run a steam pipe into the forward cabin? A. In a decision I wrote myself many years ago I said that it would be a very dangerous thing.

Gen. Dumont was shown a life preserver taken from the body of victim of the Slocum which was torn, rotten and leaking, and was asked in he thought it was a good one. He replied:

"Yes, that's a good one. I would have passed it had I inspected it." This caused considerable surprise, as the life preserver was taken by Coroner O'Gorman from a body found on the bottom of the river.

of Miller who had fallen into the river very rapidly.

Miller grasped Coleman about the well as when I left home neck and the pair went down twice absolutely refused to sustain me, and before Coleman was able to break the it became plain that I must change.

## Q. Did you have a life preserver on? A. No, but my bartender tried VAN WYCK GUEST OF CHOATE

FOOD FACTS.

leorgia, went through a food expe rience, which he makes public: 'It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nut. od, and I also know from having Onto Miller, of No. 50 Sutton place, is prescribed it to convalescents an ow in Flower Hospital suffering from other weak patients that the food ing for it along the river front before dawn to-day when he heard the cries inst as I did in strength and weight

> prove me; in fact, I was not quite a to mile without the least fatigue, and again. Since that time I

Ex-Mayor Will Be Entertained at all sufferers I consider it a duty t Luncheon by the Ambassador. all sufferers public." Name gives LONDON, June 28.-Ex-Mayor Van by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich Trial 10 days on Grape-Nuts when Morse, all of New York, were in the the regular food does not seem to throng at the Newmarket races to-day, sustain the body will work miracles

ar. Look in each pag. 10. sador Choate will entertain Mr. Look in each pag. 10. sador Choate will entertain Mr. little book, "The Road to Wellville.

### ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Jury Promptly Accepts Squatrito's Plen of Self-Defense. A jury in Part IV. of the Court of Bowman out Kernan to Randall. Barnes out Kernan to Randall. Wins-low out. Stephenson to Randall. NO General Sessions rendered a verdict of not guilty this afternoon in the case of

Kernan. Cote flied out to Greenough, NO RUNS.

Fifth Inning.

Sixth Inning.

Ninth Inning.

presented himself to his parents.

he refused, and they departed, swear

Several hours later a boy ran into the

seen three men chasing little Bernard a Thirteenth street and Avenue A. Shore

went at once to the station and notified

made to his wife by the three men

on May 4 Squatrito shot and killed had expected to return to Washington had expected to return to Washington several days before that date. He will await, however, the formal stant District-Aftorney Train prostuted and Charles Le Barbier attended to Washington on Luke 28 After the Washington of Luke 28 After the Wash

#### ROOSEVELT PLANS CHANGED

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